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From what I've seen, it appears to be a very weak response to an anti-trust case where the company was convicted of monopolistic practices. In addition it would appear that the governments are helping Microsoft become even more prevalent in the marketplace, whereby Microsoft will donate millions of dollars of software to schools, etc. What could be more monopolistic than putting in place a plan to increase Microsoft's dominance. This is what Microsoft wanted all along and they appeared to lie and delay until they basically got exactly what they (Microsoft) wanted. I do not see that this settlement in any way decreases Microsoft's monopolistic practices or helps the consumer in any way.

As to the point of donations of software, instead Microsoft should donate money and let the recipient decide how to best spend the money.

Sincerely yours,

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